

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 1966

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UN, XF

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION BETWEEN SYRIAN AMBASSADOR AND GOVERNOR  
SCRANTON

REF: USUN 1537

1. SYRIAN UN PERMREP ALLAF CALLED ON GOVERNOR SCRANTON MAY 5,  
RETURNING SCRANTON'S INTRODUCTORY COURTESY CALL (REFTEL). MAIN  
SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION WERE UNDOF EXTENSION AND PLO PARTICI-  
PATION IN GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS.

2. ALLAF SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO NEW INSTRUCTIONS ON UNDOF.  
HE ASSUMED SYRIAN POSITION REMAINED UNCHANGED FROM LAST  
NOVEMBER AND FROM EARLIER THIS YEAR WHEN HE HAD CONSULTED  
IN DAMASCUS. THUS HE PRESUMED THAT PRESIDENT ASSAD WOULD NOT  
CONSENT TO EXTENSION OF UNDOF "JUST BECAUSE ANOTHER SIX MONTHS  
HAD PASSED." SYRIA WOULD NEED SOME DEMONSTRABLE PROGRESS. THIS  
COULD TAKE FORM OF FORWARD MOVEMENT IN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S  
MARCH 30 INITIATIVE, OR IT MIGHT INVOLVE SOME AFFIRMATIVE ACTION  
TOWARD PALESTINE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS. ALLAF ADDED THAT  
IMPROVEMENT IN US-SYRIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS STEMMING FROM  
COOPERATION OVER LEBANON MIGHT ALSO BE A FACTOR.

3. DISCUSSION ENSUED OVER PLO PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA PROCESS.

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GOVERNOR SCRANTON EMPHASIZED INHERENT ABSURDITY OF PER-

MITTING ONE PARTY TO TAKE PART IN A NEGOTIATION WHILE IT  
REJECTED THE NEGOTIATING CONTEXT. SHOULD PLO BE ALLOWED TO  
PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA CONFERENCE WITHOUT ACCEPTING RESOLUTIONS  
242 AND 338, IT WOULD BE GIVEN AN ADVANTAGE DENIED EVEN TO  
ARAB GOVERNMENTS TAKING PART. ALLAF SAID HE SAW NO POSSIBILITY  
OF PLO AGREEING TO THESE RESOLUTIONS UNTIL THEY WERE AMENDED  
TO COVER PALESTINIAN POLITICAL RIGHTS.  
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